vide Notifications S.O. 1803 (E) dated 22nd December, 2005 under the provisions of the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005. After finalisation of the regulations and their notification in the Official Gazette, the Authority will recruit the sanctioned staff.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) The Coastal Aquaculture Authority is mandated to regulate the activities connected with coastal aquaculture. The Guidelines issued under the Rules prescribed in the Act shall ensure that coastal aquaculture does not cause any detriment to the coastal environment by the coastal aquaculture farmers of the country including Andhra Pradesh. The concept of responsible coastal aquaculture shall be followed to protect the livelihood of various sections of the people living in the coastal areas.

(e) The position has been indicated in part 'a' of the question.

Relief package for farmers of Punjab

2892. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to announce a relief package for farmers of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Foodgrain yield

2893. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the average value of the yield of foodgrains in different States;

(b) the average growth of foodgrains in different States and country; and

(c) whether Government have taken steps to improve the growth rate and average yield of foodgrains?